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Hongkong, August 12, 1908.

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Hongkong, May 6, 1908.

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Y. SHIBUYA,

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No. 2, PARADE STREET,
HONGKONG.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY
MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of
this Corporation will be held at the CITY
HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the
17th day of August, 1912, at Noon, for
the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Court of Directors together with a State-
ment of Accounts to 30th June, 1912.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Corporation will be CLOSED from MON-
DAY, the 5th August, to SATURDAY,
the 17th August, 1912, (both days inclu-
sive), during which period no transfer of
Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

N. J. STABE,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1912.

SARAWAK GOVERNMENT

COLLIERIES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
Mr. H. F. MAY has ceased to be
GENERAL MANAGER of these Collieries and
that Mr. THOMAS LEWIS has been
placed in charge at Brooketon and Labuan.
This will cause no difference in the
supply of coal to ships either at Brooketon
or Labuan Wharves.

By Order,

F. H. DALLAS,

Treasurer of Sarawak.

SARAWAK,
22nd July, 1912.

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Hongkong, June 22, 1912.

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By Special Decree Cigarette Makers to
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FRESH STOCKS JUST ARRIVED

ALMA Cigarettes Co., Ltd.,

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LONDON.

LADY AVIATOR KILLED.

Fall of 1,000ft

New York July 2.

As telegraphed by Reuter at the time of
the fatality, Miss Harriet Quimby, the first
American woman to win an aviator's
license, and the first woman to fly in a
heavier-than-air machine across the
English Channel, and Mr. William Willard,
manager of the aviation meet, who was
Miss Quimby's passenger, were killed at
six o'clock last night by being thrown out
of their Blériot machine 1,000ft in the air
and landing in the tidal flats of Dorchester
Bay, near Boston, Massachusetts.

Miss Quimby was returning from a flight
to the Boston Lightship, twenty miles from
the Harvard Aviation Field. She had
carried her passenger there and back safely
in less than twenty minutes, running
against a thirty-mile wind, and amid the
cheers of a crowd of 5,000 spectators
she prepared for a volplane, i.e., to shut off
the motor power and come to earth at a
sharp angle, relying on the upward pressure
of the wind to preserve the balance.

At this point, according to witnesses, a
sharp gust of wind seemed to break the
tail control and the machine tilted
almost perpendicularly towards earth.
Both Miss Quimby and Mr. Willard
strapped themselves in their seats,
but with the tilting Mr. Willard shot
out of the machine, followed immediately
by Miss Quimby. The two bodies, out-
lined to the spectators against the setting
sun, turned several somersaults before
striking the shallow water. Both were
instantly killed in the fall, which was so
swift that it was over a minute before the
machine crumpled into a hissing ruin on
the edge of the bay.

At once the admiring and applauding
gathering of spectators became hysterical,
and the mass of women shrieked. Men
jumped from their seats in frenzy, the
crowds made a rush to the western edge of
the field, where the bodies had been seen
to capsize, into the bay about 20ft. from
shore. They were checked by a troop of
cavalry which had been assisting in policing
the field.

Field surgeons rushed towards the scene
of the tragedy, but the bodies were not
recovered from the water until some
minutes later. Miss Quimby's face was
not cut, but the surgeons announced that
her legs and back had been broken, while
Mr. Willard's skull was fractured. The
physicians said that both must have been
dead before striking the sea.

At the time of the accident Miss Blanche
Stuart Scott, a student of Miss Quimby's,
licensed to fly only three weeks ago, was
circling 1,500ft. high, and she plainly saw
the terrible fate of her teacher and com-
panion. Twice Miss Scott started to
descend, but twice the horror of the scene
she had witnessed made her falter. Then,
with an effort plainly visible from earth,
she turned the nose of her machine down-
ward and came to land like a fish. She
swooned before anyone could reach her
side.

Miss Quimby's monoplane was one of
the most powerful in the country, having
a Gnome engine of 70 horse-power, with
new construction for four passengers.

Mr. Willard's death was witnessed by
his son, who is a builder of aeronautical
motors. There was a pathetic scene, the
son bending over the body of his father
and, pleading for it again to come to life.
Miss Quimby's death makes the third
American woman aviator killed this
year.—Daily Telegraph.

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There is one medicine that every
family should be provided with and
especially during the summer months, viz.,
Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea
Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed,
to come to a quarter. Can you afford to
be without it? For sale by all Chemists
and Dispensaries.

DEATH OF MR. H. J. SUCH.

The death is reported in the Shanghai
papers to have occurred at the General
Hospital, about 5 p.m. last Tuesday (July
30), to which institution Mr. Such had
been hurried by Dr. Marsh in his motor-
car, from the offices of Messrs. Hewitt
and Co., Kiangse Road. At 2.30 in the
afternoon deceased came into his office
as usual but about half an hour later he
was suddenly attacked by a fainting fit,
probably caused by the great heat of the
previous four days. Dr. Marsh was im-
mediately summoned. All possible
efforts were made towards his restora-
tion but ultimately it was seen that he
was beyond aid and he passed away, as
stated, at 5 p.m. During the last three
or four days Mr. Such had complained
of headache but otherwise appeared to be
in his usual health.

Deceased was one of the most popular
men in the Settlement, in which he
arrived late in the seventies, and his loss
will be keenly felt by a large circle of
friends. He was in his 53th year. Ever
since coming to Shanghai, deceased has
been connected with Messrs. Hewitt and
Co., of which firm he has for many years
been the chief. He was a Bluecoat
School boy and is believed to have been
a Londoner. Before coming north he was
for several years in Hongkong. Though
of late he has practically been retired,
Mr. Such in his earlier years was actively
connected with many of the Sporting
Clubs, and was also a member of the
Fire Brigade, in the Mid-Hongkong Co.
In racing he was in with Mr. E. Gore
both in the nineties, and he was also
actively associated with the Golf, Bowling
and A. D. Clubs. In August, 1904, he
was married in San Francisco and he
leaves a widow who is now in America.
Since coming out, Mr. Such has spent
very little time on home vacations, his
last being about 20 years ago. But he
was a great traveller and has paid several
visits to Australia and the States, more
particularly Vancouver and California.
In his earlier days here he was accom-
panied in business by his brother, Mr.
Frederick Such, who, however, has been
home now for many years.

THOMAS A BECKETT'S SHOE.

The story of the famous Thomas A
Beckett shoe, which has just been adver-
tised for sale, is told by Mrs. Agnes Col-
borne, of Torrey's-court, Twickenham, near
Bath.

Mrs. Colborne says that the shoe was
for some time among the collection of
curios in St. Nicholas's Church, Harle-
down, Canterbury, but it was lost through
the careless manner in which it was
shown to visitors.

For many years it was missing, and
then, at the death of a Canterbury col-
lector, it came into the market. It was
bought by Mrs. Colborne's father-in-law,
and afterwards became the property of
her husband.

A trade journal, who adds, stated on
one occasion that the shoe was valued at
£600.

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it while it is ONLY a cough.

WATERBURY'S

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The finest preparation made

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CURES any cough that is

only a cough. Very palatable.

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Headaches—caused through
some defect of vision. If your
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MAKE CERTAIN.



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approved risks against Fire at current
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1910..... 10,576,157

Total paid Policyholders 1910

53,439,380

Total Expenses for 1910.....

21,646,628

Gross earnings from interest

and Rents for 1910.....

4,482

Gross rate of Interest from

Investments 1910.....

792

Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1912.

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MESSES HUGHES & HOUGH will
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Sales Rooms, No. 8, De-Vaux Road,
corner of Fox House Street.

SUPERIOR TURKISH TOWELS,
IRISH HOUSEHOLD LINENS
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Comprising:
Fine Turkish Towels, Bath Towels, Bath
Sheets, Bath Gowns, Huckaback Towels,
Fine Damask Table Cloths and Serviettes,
Hand-embroidered Pillow Cases and Pocket
Slips, Single and Double Bed Size Sheets,
Hand-embroidered Bedspreads, Single and
Double Bed Quilts, Lace Curtains (4 yds.
by 70 inches wide), Hand-embroidered Ladies'
Unmade Robes, Duchesse Sets, Ladies' and
Gent's Hoses, Shoes, Long-gloves, Ties and
Sungar Cloths, Gent's Shirts, Ladies' Dress
Lengths, &c., &c., &c.

(All New Goods just arrived and will be
sold in small lots.)
On view on day previous to sale.
Catalogues will be issued.
TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, July 23, 1912.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
from Mr. A. G. Goumes, to sell
by Public Auction

on
TUESDAY,
the 13th August, 1912, within his Resi-
dence "TON CHAT", Peak.

THE WHOLE OF HIS
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE.

And, &c., &c.,
Therein Contained,
Full Particulars will be published later.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, August 3, 1912.

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NOTICE.

LESSONS IN CHINESE

MR. LI HON FAN, a Chinese graduate
in literature, has been a teacher
to European officials and merchants in this
Colony for over ten years.

He has a good method of training Euro-
peans to pass in the Chinese examination, and
is possessed of a first rate certificate as a
Chinese teacher. He has also a good know-
ledge of Mandarin and Hakka.

Those who intend learning the Chinese
language are requested to write care of
Chinese Mail office or direct to 74, Holly
wood Road, 1st floor.

Hongkong, May 17, 1912.

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Price, 60 cents.

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WEDNESDAY,
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DUNDRELL STREET.

A QUANTITY OF
VALUABLE BLACKWOOD
AND TEAK FURNITURE.

Comprising:—
BLACKWOOD: Very Finely Carved
Cupboard, Desk, Arm Chair,
Round, Oval & Square Tables, Fire
Screen, Side Tables, Stools, Flower
Stand, Photo Frames and Wall
Brackets.

TEAK: Double and Single Wardrobes
with Glass Doors, M. T. Washstands,
Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, Dining
Table and Chairs, Writing Desks,
(plain and roll top), Overmantels,
Flower and Cupboard Stands, Bookcase,
Card Table, etc., etc.

Several Typewriters, Two Cottage Pianos,
1 Singer Sewing Machine, One Single
Barrel 12-bore Fowling Piece (repeater).

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

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Geo. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, August 2, 1912.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to sell by Public Auction,

on
FRIDAY
the 9th August, 1912, commencing at
11 a.m., at his Sales Rooms,
DUNDRELL STREET.

A QUANTITY OF Indian Embroidered Table
Covers, and Cushions, Mantel Borders,
Cushion Covers, Curtains, and Japanese
Carpets.

Also
Embroidered Silk and Muslin Blouses
etc., etc.

On view from Thursday, the 8th August,
at 11 a.m., at his Sales Rooms,
DUNDRELL STREET.

Geo. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, August 3, 1912.

994

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
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SATURDAY,
the 10th August, 1912, commencing at
11 a.m., at No. 1, Henderson's
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A QUANTITY OF
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(Full Particulars from Catalogue)

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AGENTS:

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.,
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ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

Hongkong, January 11, 1912.

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SIBERIAN ROUTE TO
HONGKONG.

The American Consul General, Mr. George
E. Anderson, of Hongkong, in a recent
report to his Government, writes:—

"There seems to be a well defined impres-
sion among American exporters that in
many respects the United States has the
advantage of Europe in transportation and
communication with China and the Far
East. At one time this was largely the
case, but the advent of the Siberian Rail-
way has revolutionized the situation, and
so far as mail and express communication
is concerned, Europe now has an immense
advantage over the United States in its
relation to South China, as well as to North
China and Japan.

With regard to freight connections the
Pacific coast of the United States and the
average European port have about the
same advantages with respect to Hong-
kong. North and east of Hongkong in
China and in Japan freight by water
communication from the west coast of the
United States has a great advantage over
that from Europe. South and west of
Hongkong the advantage is with freight
from Europe instead of that from the
Pacific coast. However, even in this
respect the advantage of the United States
in Japan and Central and North China, at
present is more apparent than real, for the
vast mass of freight from the United
States for this part of the world is from
the Eastern and Southern States, and must
be brought overland to the Pacific coast at
great expense or taken to the east coast
and shipped by way of Suez.

At present not only has Europe the
advantage of the United States in mail
communication to China and Japan, but
the United States itself, with the sole
exception of the Canadian service referred
to and excepting only Pacific coast letters
mailed on sailing days, can send mail more
quickly and more directly by way of Siberia
to Hongkong than by trans-Pacific steamer,
and of course all the Chinese and Japanese
cities to the north of Hongkong have all
the more advantage in mail connection
with Europe by the Siberian route.

QUICK TRAVELLING TIME BETWEEN ORIENT
AND OCCIDENT.

The trans-Siberian route development is
a matter of world-wide importance. While
its further betterment by short-cut railway
lines is planned and will doubtless soon be
realized, present possibilities have not been
neglected, and the time of transit for mails
has constantly been shortened. When the
cut-off line from the present Kalgan rail-
way line to the trans-Siberian system at
Kintka is completed, the time from Lon-
don to Peking will be reduced to 34 days.
In 1909 the trip from Moscow to Wlad-
ivostok and Peking was reduced by five
hours. In 1911 the train de luxe was
speeded up so as to cover the route in one
entire day less. With the completion of
present railway improvements in Man-
churia, the trip to Japan will be shortened
two days, a reduction probably to be
realized the coming summer. At the same
rate and with the Kintka line complete
the trip from Paris to Peking will be made
in eight days.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

Further Appeals for a Mutual
Understanding.

The July number of "Nord und Süd,"
contains further statements by German
publicists on Anglo-German relations. It
will be remembered that in the first num-
ber of the Review articles appeared on the
subject from several eminent men of both
countries, including Mr. Balfour. The fol-
lowing are extracts from the new issue:—

Herf Ernst Bismarck, leader of the
National Liberal party, writes: "As soon
as the conviction seizes hold of both peoples
that we do not desire to encroach upon
England's supreme position at sea, that a
German fleet of such size and strength as
is rendered necessary by German power
and economic interests is not evidence of
hostile intentions against England, then
we find ground for an understanding, and
the moment for it appears to me to be
brought nearer. I hope that such a tried
diplomatist as Baron von Marshall will
succeed in bringing these peaceful views to
fruition, and in convincing the English that
hostility lies far away from our thoughts,
that an understanding is very near to the
heart of Germany."

Geheimrat Professor Theodor Schiemann,
Professor of History at the University of
Berlin, and author of many historical
works, says:—"Germany has, next to
England, the largest maritime fleet in the
world. Our ships plough every sea; there
is no coast they do not touch; no land
exists in which there are no Germans. For
commerce, ships, and people it is necessary
to be able to provide protection. I believe
—and I should like the English people to
understand this—that these duties cannot
be fulfilled without a strong navy. How
very different would the position in the
world be if England and Germany would
reach out hands to one another, and would
lay the spectres of mistrust which, here
as there, stand in the way of normal
development."

Herr Arthur von Gwinner, Director of
the Deutsche Bank, and the President of
the Baghdad Railway Company, says:—
"English public opinion has been persua-
ded that the building of Germany's fleet is
only for the purpose of an attack upon
England. That such supposition is, for Great
Britain, a life-and-death question is under-
stood and appreciated in Germany as well
as it is in England. Can public opinion
on the other side of the North Sea not be
convinced likewise that the possession of a
strong fleet is for Germany, if not to such
a complete extent, still to an important
degree, also a question of vital importance?"

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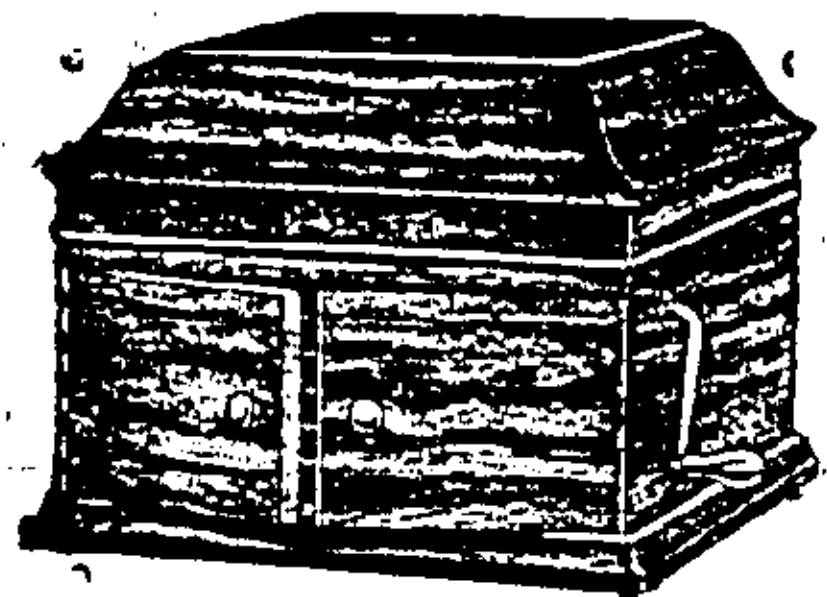
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especially chafes under the new policy of "complete detachment and impartiality," and is for preserving the Liberal-Labour alliance at all costs. Is it merely a coincidence that the new land policy was foreshadowed on the very eve of a Labour revolt? Or is the Chancellor of the Exchequer hesitating on the brink of a decisive step in the direction of uniting all the violent elements of the Coalition in resistance, overt or disguised, to the Prime Minister and his following? It is not, on the whole, probable that the Labour members will deliberately place the Government's existence in jeopardy, though they may be glad enough to embarrass it up to the extreme margin of safety. Self preservation is the first laws of political nature. The Coalition are in the position of those rebels who were told they must all hang together, or they would hang separately. But while it is clearly to Labour's advantage to keep the Government in office, the party has no interest in maintaining Mr Asquith at the head of the Ministry, and it may well happen that the efforts of the malcontents will be concentrated on an attempt to make his position untenable.

To understand the true character of the situation it is necessary to clear the mind of a very natural misapprehension. The revolt comes from without the House of Commons, and not from within. Mr Ramsay MacDonald and his colleagues will, of course, indulge in much picturesque invective and furious denunciation. They will pretend, as usual, to be leaders of the movement. But in reality they are but the sails of the windmill; the motive force comes from a steadily gathering indignation among trade unionists in all parts of the country. The Labour members are as a body quite peaceably disposed towards the Government. They have a steady income of £400 a year, with considerable opportunity of earning large additions to that sufficient allowance. Many of them are of a literary turn, and they have the entrée to not a few magazines and reviews. Besides, there are always chances of "places" under a Government which manufactures officials by the thousand. If the forty odd Labour members only were in question the trouble could be readily accommodated. But the millions of trade unionists who have no such rosy prospects are less placable. They are angry over the well-merited failure of the latest attempts to hold up the country to ransom, and they resent the few poor steps taken by the Government, in fear and trembling, to protect national interests. We cannot pretend to sympathize with Ministers because, after widely profligate courses, they are punished for the belated and partial exercise of public virtue. Weak people who yield to the arts of extortion can expect gratitude as little as forbearance. The machinery is already in situ, and when the mine is properly opened up and the karang exposed, which will be done in the course of the next few months, strong hopes are entertained that the best anticipations of the promoters will be realised within the coming year.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

The German gunboat Tsingtau left the harbour to-day.

The French Mail of the 2nd July was delivered in London on the 3rd Aug.

Nine men, 23th Punjab, arrived from India per P. and O. Arcadia on the 1st instant, and were taken on the strength of the Command.

The time-honoured practice of eating ois during the dog-days (the dog), beginning on the 24th ult. is still observed, says the Japan Daily Mail, the price ranging between 3.50 yen to 1.50 yen per kamme.

Ten thousand persons are said to have had their queues forcibly removed in the recent queue-cutting campaign at Chetoo, and it is believed that more than double this number voluntarily dispensed with their "pig tails."

A collision occurred at West Point yesterday between a steam launch and a large sampun, but fortunately without loss of life. The sampun was badly damaged around the bow and had to be beached at West Point.

The following details left the command for India on 31st July per s.s. "Kutab"—H.K.S. Bn. R.G.A. 1 man; 21th Punjab, 7 N.C.O.'s and men; 126th Baluchistan Infantry, 2 men; Supply and Transport Corps, 3 men. (from North China).

This morning a man fell from the second storey of a house in Connaught Row, and sustained severe injuries. He was subsequently removed to Hospital where his injuries were attended to. Hopes are entertained for his recovery, which seems probable.

A dozen privates attached to the Takasaki, Japan, barracks were attacked by sunstroke during their drill recently when the thermometer registered 120 degrees. The same day last year, several privates of the same regiment succumbed to the excessive heat.

Notice is given that, in accordance with Local Notice to Mariners No. 97, the lights marking the Junk Passage through Collinson Reach Barrier have been discontinued. The "light keepers" but has been removed from the South end of the Middle Section of the Barrier.

The s.s. Mongolia left to-day with 300 Filipino passengers for Honolulu—473 men, 60 women and 37 children. The fact of these emigrants taking their families with them is evidence of a desire to settle in that distant possession, and tends to help the labour problem considerably.

The s.s. Hades, a steamer under the American flag, arrived from the Philippines yesterday with 2,000 tons of hemp consigned to the P. and O. Company for transshipment to Europe. This steamer was one time an old trader to Hongkong under the Belgian flag, and since her sale to the Philippines has undergone various vicissitudes.

The local office of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company (Royal Mail Steamship Line), inform us that their Yokohama Office is in receipt of a wireless message from the R.M.S. Empress of India, sent on Sunday, the 4th instant, when the vessel was 800 miles distant from Japan, advising all well, and that the commander expected to reach Yokohama at 6 a.m., on Wednesday, the 7th August.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

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COMPANY MEETING.

Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company.

The Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company was held this morning at the company's office, Hongkong Hotel Mansions. Mr. C. H. Ross presided, and there were also present Messrs. F. A. Gomes, G. F. F. F. H. Armstrong, F. Lieb, G. R. Laurens and H. A. Siebs, directors; Messrs. T. F. Hough, N. G. Gaudar, M. S. Northcote, A. H. M. de Silva and other shareholders.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts with auditors' report attached having been in your hands for the usual period, we will, with your permission, take them as read. In view of the very keen competition experienced on all the lines operated by the company the amount standing at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the period under review will, I trust, be considered satisfactory by shareholders and I hope the proposed appropriations will meet with approval. Increased tonnage on the Canton line coupled with extreme depression in trade has brought about a serious cutting of rates by the vessels concerned. Endeavours were made in May last to try and prevent further lowering of fares by suggesting the adoption of a working agreement whereby rates would be raised proportionately for the different vessels. While this proposed arrangement was acceptable to most of the owners, others objected, with the result that the fight continues between them. During the half year to 30th June loans on mortgage have been reduced by £25,000 and investments in shares and debentures of public companies have been increased by \$43,354.00 inclusive of \$4,825.70 appreciation in value. These investments in public companies have, as usual, been adjusted in accordance with the quotations current on 30th June. The loss in exchange by subsidiary silver exchange during the six months' working amounted to \$29,551.69. The usual number of vessels have been docked for repairs, and Government survey, and a new spare paddle-shaft arrived for the Monam, which has now arrived ready for use when required. Additional steam accommodation has been erected on the Hongkong. Your directors for some time past have had under consideration the question of building a fast and serviceable steamer as an addition to the company's fleet. Estimates have been submitted and the matter is having the serious attention of your board, and we hope shortly to arrive at a final decision in the best interests of the company. Your board have also had under consideration the revision of the Company's Articles of Association. These were framed when the company was incorporated in 1865. Since then so many changes have been made in company law that it is thought advisable the company should have articles which are more in accordance with modern requirements. To effect this change a special resolution will have to be passed and confirmed at extraordinary meetings to be called later on. I do not know of anything else calling for special mention, but should any shareholders require further information, I shall have much pleasure in answering any questions.

Seconding the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, Mr. Hough said: The several details of the accounts and the appropriations made, together with the lucid explanation of the Chairman, leaves little to be said but to record our appreciation of the able manner in which the several difficulties arising during the last half year have been surmounted by the management and Directors. The addition of the new fast steamer which it is proposed we should build will add materially to the efficiency of the service, bringing us up to date and strengthen our position vis-à-vis our competitors. With regard to what has fallen from the Chairman on the subject of the revision of our Articles of Association, I support the proposal of the board and feel that shareholders will agree that what was deemed sufficient for the needs of the Company half a century ago cannot but require considerable amendment to meet the altered conditions prevailing to-day. In this connection there is one point I would draw the attention of the Directors to, viz.—the necessity or otherwise of sticking to our old regime of two general meetings of shareholders every year. Personally I think one annual meeting would be sufficient; we see all around us limited liability companies being successfully worked on the system of holding one meeting of shareholders a year and I have every confidence if we were to adopt this course it would be to the benefit of the Company not only by obviating the necessity of bringing shareholders together twice a year when once would suffice but by the issuing of an annual report and statement of accounts in place of the half yearly one as at present could not but protect the shareholders from a too frequent scrutiny of our affairs by our competitors. I do not mean by this that we should only have our profits divided once a year, that is far from my intention; but when the new articles are presented for adoption a clause might be inserted authorizing the directors to pay to the shareholders such interim dividends as the working of the Company might warrant. With these remarks I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

The Chairman said he was sure the several remarks would be considered very carefully by the directors and when they put forward the new articles of association, if thought desirable, they would insert clauses giving effect to his suggestions.

Mr. Potter then dealt with a few incidental points raised by his learned friend, and afterwards with the main points of the appeal.

Mr. Potter submitted this afternoon that there had been no acquiescence in this case. Dealing with the pleadings, he said it was alleged in them that full accounts of the firm had been kept, and full and accurate balance sheets annually prepared, and the said balance-sheet had been regularly submitted and agreed to by Wong Sing Nam. The "said balance sheets" of course meant the "full and accurate balance-sheet," and year by year Wong Sing Nam had agreed to full and accurate balance-sheets. A balance-sheet should show the position of the firm up to the date of the balance-sheet, which should cancel all previous ones. In the evidence it was agreed that the balance sheets did not do this.

Mr. Alabaster said the balance sheets if taken as a whole and added up, showed the position of the firm.

Mr. Potter submitted that this being so his client was entitled to his share of \$388,000, for adding up the profits shown year by year in the twenty-six balance-sheets they aggregated this amount. The Peking Gazette said that is not making allowance for bad debts.

Mr. Potter said none were shown in the balance-sheets. His learned friend said they were full and accurate, but they were only full and accurate to the extent that they did not show bad debts. He submitted further that there were many omissions from the pleadings, and the other side must amend their pleadings from beginning to end to support the judgment of the ex-Chief Justice. Under no circumstances could their Lordships support this judgment upon the present pleadings. The accounts presented yearly were merely working accounts. There was no plea that Wong Sing Nam or any other representative had any authority to accept these accounts instead of a proper partnership account. If there was any evidence that this had been the case it should have been pleaded that his client had waived one of the most important of partnership rights, and this would have to be pleaded to establish the judgment of the ex-Chief Justice.

Mr. Potter was continuing his address when we went to press. It is expected that the case will conclude to-morrow.

HONGKONG WATER POLO ASSOCIATION.

The water polo matches at the Victoria Recreation Club are nearly finished.

An important match which remains to be played is that between the K.O.Y.L.I. and the 87th Company, R.G.A. The match takes place this evening at 5.30 p.m.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The directors' report and statement of accounts for the half-year ending 30th June last stated that after paying running expenses, salaries, premia of insurance, repairs and all other charges there remained including \$22,001.44 brought forward from last account, the sum of \$110,820.00 as credits of profit and loss account. From this amount the directors recommended that a dividend for the half-year of one dollar per share or \$80,000, be paid to shareholders, \$25,000 be written off book value of steamers, \$10,000 be written off wharves, properties and lighters, \$10,000 be transferred to special repairs fund, leaving a balance of \$24,820.00 to be carried forward to new account. There was nothing of special interest to report in connection with the working of the steamers. The usual overhaul and repairs had been effected during the half-year and the steamers were all in good running order. Messrs. H. A. Siebs and F. Lieb, who retired from the directorate by rotation, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. Northcote, seconded by Mr. F. A. Gomes. On the proposition of Mr. J. M. E. Machado, seconded by Mr. A. H. M. de Silva, Messrs. A. O'D. Gaudin and W. H. Piets, were re-elected auditors for the ensuing half-year at a remuneration of \$125 each.

THE PARTNERSHIP DISPUTE.

Case Before Full Court.

The Chief Justice and the Peking Judge this morning continued their hearing of the appeal from a judgment of the ex-Chief Justice in the case of the Fook Lung Firm v. the Lai Yuen Firm, the Shiu Lung Firm, the Cheung Puen Firm and the Shiu Kee Firm, partners of the Yau Wo Firm, and Chan Kit Shan.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., with whom was Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Reader Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the appellants, and the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. Holbrow, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, appeared for the respondents.

This morning Mr. Alabaster concluded his address. He said the effect of his whole argument, though he had not put it exactly in this way before, was that what the plaintiff were asking for now was what they asked the Full Court for on the previous appeal, that was, judgment on the pleadings, because they had called no evidence whatever. The Full Court had decided that they were not entitled to judgment on their pleadings, so in effect they were appealing from one Full Court to another in the same case, on the same set of pleadings.

Mr. Potter then dealt with a few incidental points raised by his learned friend, and afterwards with the main points of the appeal.

Mr. Potter submitted this afternoon that there had been no acquiescence in this case. Dealing with the pleadings, he said it was alleged in them that full accounts of the firm had been kept, and full and accurate balance sheets annually prepared, and the said balance-sheet had been regularly submitted and agreed to by Wong Sing Nam. The "said balance sheets" of course meant the "full and accurate balance-sheet," and year by year Wong Sing Nam had agreed to full and accurate balance-sheets. A balance-sheet should show the position of the firm up to the date of the balance-sheet, which should cancel all previous ones. In the evidence it was agreed that the balance sheets did not do this.

Mr. Alabaster said the balance sheets if taken as a whole and added up, showed the position of the firm.

Mr. Potter submitted that this being so his client was entitled to his share of \$388,000, for adding up the profits shown year by year in the twenty-six balance-sheets they aggregated this amount. The Peking Gazette said that is not making allowance for bad debts.

Mr. Potter said none were shown in the balance-sheets. His learned friend said they were full and accurate, but they were only full and accurate to the extent that they did not show bad debts. He submitted further that there were many omissions from the pleadings, and the other side must amend their pleadings from beginning to end to support the judgment of the ex-Chief Justice. Under no circumstances could their Lordships support this judgment upon the present pleadings. The accounts presented yearly were merely working accounts. There was no plea that Wong Sing Nam or any other representative had any authority to accept these accounts instead of a proper partnership account. If there was any evidence that this had been the case it should have been pleaded that his client had waived one of the most important of partnership rights, and this would have to be pleaded to establish the judgment of the ex-Chief Justice.

Mr. Potter was continuing his address when we went to press. It is expected that the case will conclude to-morrow.

HONGKONG WATER POLO ASSOCIATION.

The water polo matches at the Victoria Recreation Club are nearly finished.

An important match which remains to be played is that between the K.O.Y.L.I. and the 87th Company, R.G.A. The match takes place this evening at 5.30 p.m.

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DEATH OF DR. REES.

Dr. Rees, of the Wesleyan Methodist Mission, passed away at the Peak Hospital on Saturday night. He came to China ten years ago, and had been stationed at Waihow since January. On Tuesday last, he left that station for a rest and change on Long Island. It was not apprehended, when he left, that there was anything seriously wrong, though he felt poorly. Before he reached Hongkong, however, it was seen that he was ill, and when taken to the Peak Hospital it was discovered that he was suffering from acute appendicitis, which was so threatening that an operation was decided on at once, and was effected before the day passed. Everything possible was done, but the force that Dr. Rees had little reserve strength to resist any serious illness was unfortunately realised, and he passed away.

The funeral was conducted in Happy Valley on Sunday evening, by the Rev. C. Bone, the Chairman of the Canton District, and there was a good number of people present. He was the greatly missed. It was intended that next year he should open medical work in Shui Chow on the North River. Dr. Rees was the son of the Rev. Allan Rees, and he leaves a widow and two little children to mourn his loss.

ALLEGED ARMEU ROBBERY.

At the Police Court this morning a charge was made against eight men of armed robbery.

The premises at which the alleged offence was committed on August 1, are situated in the Au Pui Leng Village.

It appears that as the affair took place in the Hung Hom District, it was not without considerable difficulty that the Water Police managed to arrest eight of the men. They were found to be armed with dangerous weapons, as well as cloths which it was suspected, were carried upon them for the purpose of gagging.

The Water Police managed to recover the greater part of the property.

To-day at the Police Court the eight men were charged with armed robbery. The house was practically ransacked.

The case was remanded.

CORRESPONDENCE.

REPUBLIC STAMPS OF CHINA.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir—It appears that the present issue of stamps of the Chinese Post bearing the Four Chinese Characters, are not, as many believe, the first issue of China Republican Stamps. They, the present issue, are really the third issue, as may be seen from the following description.

The first issue is said to have been sent from Shanghai to Nanking and Foochow where they were in actual issue. The second issue were again only in issue at these two ports.

Both sets of stamps, i.e. 1st and 2nd issues were only in issue a few hours.

I give rough drawings of these issues so that if any are offered these stamps they should be bought only with those exact stamps placed on them, and on no account to touch them if they are clean as such stamps lend themselves easy of imitation.

First issue. Nanking and Foochow only. dots for Chinese Characters.

Second issue. Nanking and Foochow only. dots for Chinese Characters.

Third issue. All Posts Offices. dots for Chinese Characters.

Now, Sir, the first and second issues were only in use a few hours and were recalled for the present issue and as the 1st and 2nd issues had such short life, the only ones who could derive any benefit from these issues would be those who hold these two issues, and it would be an interesting point to know from Peking how many of each Stamp was sent to the public.

By having this knowledge made public, the public could guard themselves somewhat against fraud of having false stamps palmed off on them. On the other hand, it makes one wonder if these stamps were actually authorised for issue owing to their short life. Another thing I should think it up to the Post Master General to explain in the issue and recall of these two sets of stamps.

Then another question arises over this subject matter of stamps: Why does Foochow always appear with Chinese Post Office Stamp? For as such, no matter to what value they may go to later on, they can be classed as nothing else. It also appears, so far as can gather, that Foochow issued the Five Cent Brown Postage without surcharge, and nowhere else. I have had several letters saying they are not actually certain of this but this is the general impression of those who go after stamps as a hobby. Perhaps some of your readers may be able to shed further light on this subject, hence the request of my forwarding you this letter for insertion in your widely read paper.

Yours, &c.,

STAMPS.

Canton, August 4.

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IMPENDING CHANGES IN THE BRITISH CABINET.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Aug. 5.

The Times says it has reason to believe that changes in the Ministry are pending involving a bye-election in Scotland.

Rumours that the Master of Elibank is relinquishing his duties as Patronage Secretary are revived.

A BIG UPHEAVAL.

LATER.

The impending Cabinet changes form the principal topic in the newspapers and are described as "being based upon two certainties, namely the retirement of Lord Morley, and the return of Lord Gladstone to England. It is believed that Earl Crewe, feeling the strain of the India Office, will cause no surprise if he succeeds Lord Morley as Lord President of the Council, while the name of the Master of Elibank is coupled with that of Governor of South Africa.

Other important changes are that Mr Birrell, Secretary for Ireland, will go to the Lords with a less exacting post, and that Mr Samuel, Post Master General, will succeed to the Irish Secretaryship.

DENIALS.

The Colonial office denies the report of the resignation of Lord Gladstone, who intends to return to South Africa in October.

Mr Birrell, likewise, has issued a denial of his probable transference to the House of Lords.

Cabinet changes, however, are undoubtedly expected prior to the meeting of Parliament in October, but definite announcement will probably be deferred until after the holidays.

LATER.

Reuter is authorised to state that there is no foundation for the rumours in to-day's press regarding the Master of Elibank.

TURKISH POLITICAL CRISIS.

DISSOLUTION OF CHAMBER EXPECTED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Aug. 6.

The Senate at Constantinople has adopted a Government motion interpreting the constitution.

An Irada dissolving the Chamber is expected to-day.

EXTRAORDINARY ACTION OF THE GRAND VIZIER.

LATER.

Reuter's Constantinople correspondent telegraphs that the Grand Vizier, ignoring the notification from the Chamber of the Vote of Censure, went to the Senate Chamber and read the Dissolution Decree ordering a new election.

FRESH COMPLICATIONS.

Another telegram sent by Reuter's Constantinople correspondent states that the Chamber is far from accepting the Government's and Senate's interpretation of the Constitution and to-day passed a vote of want of confidence in the Government and adjourned sine die. Thus a direct conflict has arisen between the Committee of Union and Progress, who dominate the Chamber, and are supported by a considerable military section, and the Government, which is backed by a military force and confronted by an Albanian rebellion.

PLAGUE AT LIVERPOOL.

ORIGIN OF CASE UNKNOWN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Aug. 6.

A case of plague has been discovered at Liverpool, the victim being a boy seven years of age. The origin of the case is at present unknown.

LORD GLADSTONE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 5.

It is possible that Lord Gladstone, Governor General of South Africa, who has just arrived in England, may not return to South Africa.

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THE SEVENTH TEST MATCH.

SOUTH AFRICA V. AUSTRALIA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Aug. 5.

The Seventh Test Match—South Africa and Australia at Nottingham—began to-day, in showery weather. South Africa made 286 for 8 wickets, of which A. D. Nourse had 64.

LANGFORD'S CLAIM.

THE BOXING HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 5.

A Sydney telegram states that Langford claims the boxing championship, in view of Johnson's reported retirement.

REMARKABLE AVIATION FEAT.

SUCCESS MARRED BY ACCIDENT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Aug. 5.

Mr Moorhouse, an English airman, with two passengers, has crossed the English channel from Douai to Ashford in an aeroplane built to carry five persons. The machine was smashed on landing by collision with a tree which it uprooted. The occupants, however, were not injured.

They had travelled 110 miles in two hours.

MORE ESPIONAGE IN GERMANY!

ENGLISH YACHTSMEN ARRESTED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 5.

The Lokal Anzeiger states that five English yachtsmen have been arrested on suspicion of espionage.

Two are alleged to have landed and photographed new torpedo-shooting stands. The yacht was searched and many photographic plates of harbours were found.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

LATER.

The alleged English spies, who were arrested at Eckernförde have been sent to jail at Kiel.

They are Dr. Stone, Dr. Roberts and three others, Messrs Macdonald, a solicitor, Robinson, an engineer and the third an artist, all of Sheffield.

Their boat and photographic apparatus has been seized.

THE WAR OFFICE AND WIRELESS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Aug. 5.

The War Office have appointed a committee of officers, whom it is expected will consider the application of the latest developments of wireless telegraphy for the needs of the army.

FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

THE MEDITERRANEAN QUESTION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Aug. 5.

Comment on the Franco-Russian Naval Convention, which it is proposed to enlarge by crystallising into speculation as to how it affects the Mediterranean, and whether it will provide for the co-operation of the Black Sea Fleet in certain eventualities.

The Austrian Press discusses the possibility of the establishment of Russian, French and Italian naval bases in the Aegean Islands, in which case Austria would certainly submit a similar claim.

The Times Paris correspondent says he has good reason for believing that an exchange of views between France and Great Britain preceded the conclusion of the Convention.

FRENCH PREMIER LEAVES FOR RUSSIA.

LATER.

M. Poincaré, the French Premier, has started for St. Petersburg.

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THE MIKADO'S FUNERAL.

PREPARATIONS BY PARLIAMENT.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)
Tokyo, August 5.

The Imperial Parliament will be summoned for an Extraordinary Session to discuss the estimate of expenditure for the late Emperor's funeral.

TELEGRAMS FROM OVER THE WORLD.

The new Emperor has received an enormous number of telegrams of condolence from almost every nation in the world. Included are messages from King George, the British Parliament, Prince Arthur Connaught, President Yuan Shih Kai, and the National Council of the Chinese Republic.

STORMY WEATHER IN ENGLAND.

SAD DROWNING FATALITIES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Aug. 5.

Yesterday was a day of storms and floods, and many drowning fatalities are reported.

A cutter containing 23 Boy Scouts and other passengers capsized off Sheppey and nine scouts were drowned. Coastguards rescued the others.

Four Boy Scouts were drowned while bathing at Rottingdean, near Brighton.

LATER.

Cold and rain were the features of the holiday. Two degrees of frost were registered at the Isle of Wight.

IN SCOTLAND.

Torrents of rain fell throughout Clydeside, and at Greenock it was knee-deep, causing traffic and work at the shipyards to be suspended.

The tunnel for a mile and a half to Gourock has been flooded, while the wall at Greenock has collapsed.

The railway is much damaged in the West of Scotland.

SUPPORT FOR MR. ROOSEVELT.

ASSISTANCE FROM THE SUFFRAGETTES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, August 5.

A Reuter's telegram from Chicago states that forty-seven states are sending delegates to the National Progressive Convention, which opens to-day, for the purpose of nominating Mr Roosevelt for the Presidency.

Many women delegates, who are Suffragettes, will take an important part in the proceedings.

SPORTING.

The Next Gymkhana.

Racing members of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club are reminded that entries for the fourth meeting close to-morrow at 7 p.m.

Polo Final.

The final of the Polo Tournament will be played to-morrow afternoon at Causeway Bay at 5.20 p.m.

FIRST LORD'S BLARNEY KISS.

Mr Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, who, with Sir Francis Hopwood and other members of the Admiralty, on his recent inspection Queenstown Harbour and Haulbowline Dockyard, drove to Blarney Castle, eight miles from Cork, and kissed the famous Blarney stone.

The right hon. gentleman and his party ascended the tower, which is about 100ft. high. The stone rests outside and a few feet below the summit of the tower, and to reach it is a task attended with some little risk, it being necessary for the devotee to get down head foremost, while a man on the top holds his ankles to prevent him dashing to the ground below. Mr Churchill removed his hat, got out upon the parapet, and assumed a perpendicular position, then, with Sir James Long firmly holding his legs, planted his lips upon the world-famous stone. The feat was loudly cheered. Earlier in the day he informed a deputation that there were considerable possibilities of the Queenstown Harbour being made available for the reception of a number of vessels of the third fleet.

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RECENT NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.

QUESTIONS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Aug. 6.

Mr Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, defended, in the House of Commons, the appointment of Mr Deyncourt, naval architect of the firm of Messrs Armstrong-Whitworth and Co., to be Director of Naval Construction, and said that he had been most anxious to make the appointment satisfactory to the Admiralty.

He refused to apologise with reference to the appointment of Lord Fisher as Chairman of the Commission appointed to inquire into the use of oil fuel for the Navy. There had been, said Mr Churchill, no Naval Administrator within living memory whose abilities were so rare and so distinguished. The fact that the Commission was sitting would not delay any action by the Admiralty regarding oil fuel or steps being taken with reference to the development of oil supplies within the Empire.

SALE OF CROWN LANDS.

At the Office of the Public Works Department this afternoon two lots of Crown land below Kennedy Road were sold by public auction. The first lot—inland lot No. 1922, adjoining the Hong Kong Electric Co.'s premises—measuring about 7,525 square feet, was acquired by Messrs Leigh and Orange at the upset price, \$1,130 (15 cts. per square foot).

The second lot—inland lot No. 1923—measuring 33,281 square feet, and was purchased by Mr. Chak Hok Ting, also at the upset, \$3,994 (12 cts. per square foot).

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

Ninety-Fourth Report.

The following is a summary of the Ninety-Fourth Report of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which is to be submitted to the Shareholders at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting, to be held in the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, August 17:

Gentlemen—The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Bank, and Balance Sheet for the half-year ending 30th June, 1912.

The net profits for that period, including \$1,553,135.15, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts, amount to \$4,869,054.88.

The Directors recommend the transfer of \$250,000 from the Profit and Loss Account to credit of the Silver Reserve Fund, which Fund will then stand at \$17,000,000.

They also recommend writing off Bank Premises Account the sum of \$250,000.

After making these transfers and deducting Remuneration to Directors there remains for appropriation \$4,354,054.88, out of which the Directors recommend the payment of a Dividend of Two Pounds Sterling per Share, viz., £240,000, which at 2/6, the rate of the day, will absorb \$2,393,786.24.

The Balance \$1,960,268.64 to be carried to New Profit and Loss Account.

The holding of \$1,200,000 2½% Consols has been written down by \$24,000 to \$900,000, and now stands in the Books at 75; "Other Sterling Securities" have also been written down to the extent of about \$9,500.

To effect these adjustments and maintain the Fund at £1,500,000, British and Indian Government guaranteed stocks to the face value of \$41,500, costing £23,549, 1s. 3d., were purchased and added to "Other Sterling Securities" bringing the amount under that heading to \$406,500 written down to \$235,400. This expenditure was met out of the earnings of the half-year.

The accounts have been audited by Mr W. Hutton Potts and Mr J. W. C. Bonnar.

The current issue of the "Yellow Dragon" (Queen's College publication) contains the following acknowledgment:—Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th July, 1912.

Sir, I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the Governor has received a letter from Sir Frederick Lugard to the effect that on the 24th May, Empire Day, he had the honour of presenting to His Majesty the King and Emperor the Coronation Number of the "Yellow Dragon" of Queen's College.

His Majesty was much interested in it and he commanded Sir Frederick Lugard to convey to the Masters and Boys of Queen's College his great appreciation of their gift.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,
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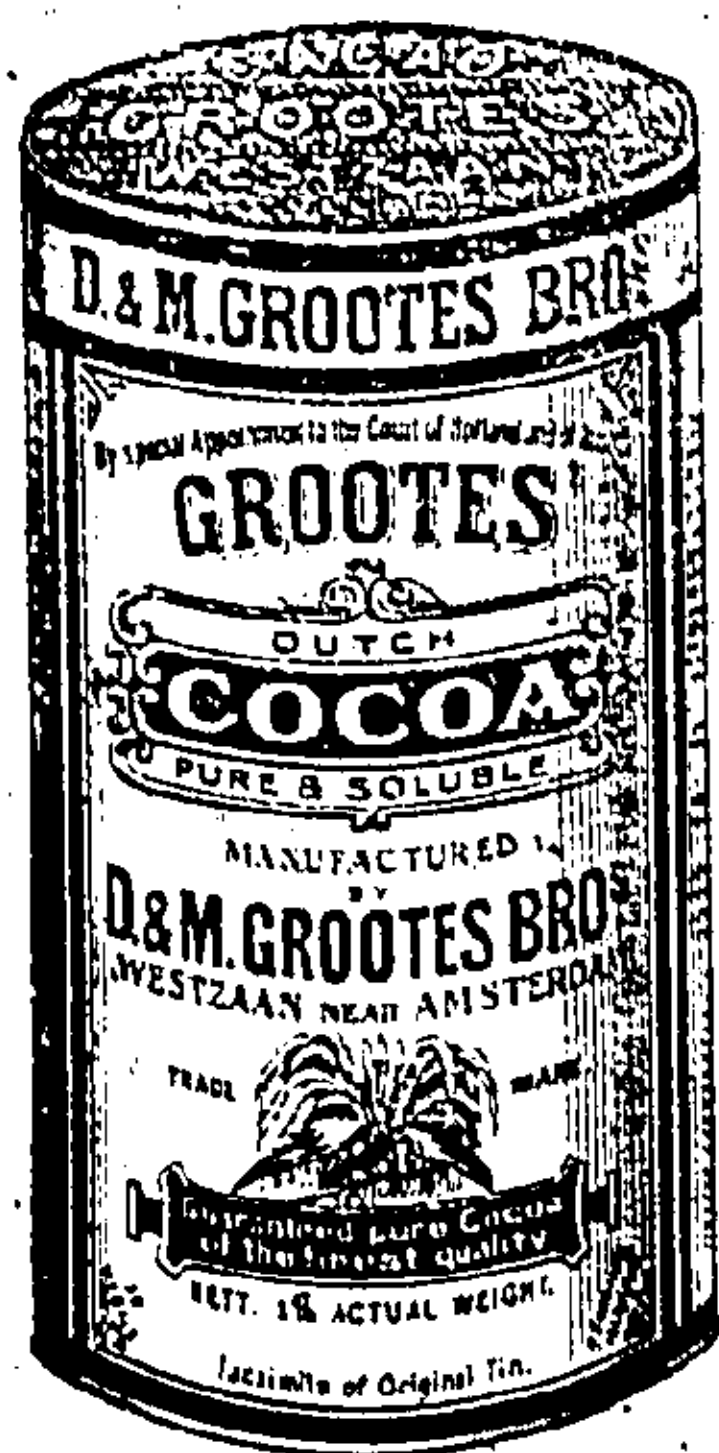
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July 19, Achilles, Denialder, Perth.

July 23, Antenor, Aluta Mura, Ceylon.

July 26, Machodon, Nore, Ulisses, Pisa.

August 2, Benlmond, Palma, Smeu.

Den of Gloria.

HOMeward.

July 30, Caladon, Prometheus, Salacie.

August 2, Hirono, Mura, P. E. Fried.

At night.

ARRIVALS FROM CHINA.

August 3, Syria.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

Mails.

The N. D. L. s.s. Princess Alice left

Shanghai on Saturday, the 3rd Aug.,

at 7 a.m. and may be expected here

on or about Tuesday, the 6th August,

at 7 p.m.

The N. D. L. s.s. Kleid carrying the

German Mails with dates from Berlin

of the 10th July, left Singapore on Sa-

turday, the 3rd August, at 9 a.m.,

and may be expected here on or

about Wednesday, the 7th August,

at noon.

The C. P. R. Co's R.M.S. Empress of

Japan left Yokohama for Victoria and

Vancouver, B.C., on Tuesday, the 23rd

July, at noon.

The C. P. R. Co's R.M.S. Empress of

India left Vancouver B.C. for Hong-

kong via usual ports of call on

Wednesday, the 24th July, p.m.

Other Vessels.

The C. & Co's s.s. Lelia left Singapore

The N. D. L. s.s. Prinz Sigismund left

Sydney on Saturday, the 27th July, at

11 a.m., and may be expected here on

or about the 19th August.

The Barber Line s.s. St. Patrick sailed

from New York on the 28th July for

Hongkong and Far East, via the

Suez.

The Shire Line, Ltd.'s s.s. Den of Gloria

left London on the 4th July, due

Hongkong on the 25th August.

Latest Advice.

The N. D. L. s.s. Cullien left Kuchinotsu

on Sunday, the 4th August, at noon,

and may be expected here on or about

Thursday, the 8th August, a.m.

The N. D. L. s.s. Prinz Waldemar which

left here on Saturday, the 13th July,

at 9 a.m., arrived at Sydney on Sa-

turday, the 4th August, at 2 p.m.

The P. & S. Co's s.s. Rubi will leave

Manila on Tuesday, the 6th August,

and is due here on or about Friday,

the 9th August, at daylight.

The C. P. R. Co's s.s. Montezuma arrived

at Shanghai at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, the

6th August, and left again at 4 p.m.

on the same day for Moji, where she

is due to arrive at 10 a.m. on

Thursday, the 8th August.

THE

'CHINA MAIL'

Can be obtained at the following

places in Hongkong:-

The Hongkong Hotel.

The Hongkong Ferry Wharf.

The Kowloon Ferry Wharf.

The Upper Peak Tram Station.

The Lower Peak Tram Station.

Leung Ming (Astor House Hotel).

Lau Fung Kee (Astor House Hotel).

Ah Choo (Queen's Road).

Wu Cheong (D'Aguilar Street).

Buckinjee & Son (Kowloon).

Hang Cheong (Kowloon).

To-day's Advertisements

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of \$1.00 per Share
declared at the ORDINARY HALF-
YEARLY MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS, held this Day, will be
PAYABLE at the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation, on and after TUES-
DAY, the 6th AUGUST, 1912.

Shareholders are requested to apply to
the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. CLARKE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 6, 1912. 998

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

PREMIER.

NOTICE.

FOR KUDAT AND SANDAKAN

Taking Cargo at Through Rates to
TAWAU, LARAD DATU, LABUAN,
JOLO, MENADO & JESSELTON.

THE Steamship BORNEO.

Captain F. Smead, (ready to load Friday)

will leave on SATURDAY, the 10th inst.,

at 9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,

MELCHERS & CO.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, August 6, 1912. 1000

INDO CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Co's Steamship LINGAY having

arrived from the above Ports, Con-

signees of cargo by her are hereby informed

that their goods will be delivered from

alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or re-

maining on board after 4 p.m., the 8th

inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk

and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, August 6, 1912. 999

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Only fully prepaid Letters and post

cards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN

ROUTE to EUROPE. Letters for this

route should be superscribed via SIBERIA.

The s.s. Hupeh with the Siberian

Mail is due to arrive here on Friday, the

9th August.

Mails will close for:-

SWATOW, AMOY & FORMOSA, Via

AMPOI.

Per Miyajima Maru, at 9 a.m., on Wed-

nesday, the 7th Aug.

STRAITS & CEYLON.

Per Peru, at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, the

7th Aug.

HAIPHONG, PAKHOI & SAIGON.

Per Hanoi, at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, the

7th Aug.

STRAITS & BURMAH.

Per Fataia, at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, the

7th Aug.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA &

JAPAN VIA MOJI.

Per Sardinia, at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, the

7th Aug.

MACAO.

Per Sai Tai, at 1.15 p.m., on Wednes-

day, the 7th Aug.

JAPAN VIA KOBE, CANADA,

TACOMA & SEATTLE.

Per Titan, at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, the

7th Aug.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA &

JAPAN VIA NAGASAKI.

(Europe via Siberia.)

Per Titan, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the

7th Aug.

JAPAN & KOBE.

Per Laiman, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the

8th Aug.

BATAVIA, SAMARANG, SOURABAYA

& MACASSAR.

Per Timorah, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the

8th Aug.

SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.

Per Hainan, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the

8th Aug.

PHILIPPINE ISLAND.

Per Kijang, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the

8th Aug.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.

Per Cleon, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the

8th Aug.

HOIHOW, HAIPHONG, PAKHOI &

SAIGON.

Per Sunghang, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the

8th Aug.

TSINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO

& TIENTSIN.

Per Kuchow, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the

8th Aug.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Per Rubi, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 9th

Aug.

KUDAT & SANDAKAN.

Per Borneo, at 8 a.m., on Saturday, the

10th Aug.

STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADE-

LAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA,

INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT & EUROPE

Via NAPLES.

Per Princess Alice, on Wednesday, the

7th Aug.

Printed Matter and Samples at 10 a.m.

Registration at 10.15 a.m.

Registration, with late fee of 10 cents up

to 11 a.m.

Registration, Kowloon B.O., 9.30 a.m.

No late fee.

Letters at 11 a.m.

Late Letters, 11.10 to 11.30 a.m. Extra

Postage 10 cents.

Letters posted to all the Pillar Boxes

in time for the first clearance will be

included in this contract mail.

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

August 5.

Fanning, British steamer, 1,410, H. S.

Malkin, Hong Kong Aug. 3, Coal. - JARDINE,

MATHESON & Co., Ltd.

Eutaw, British steamer, 3,000, H. W.

Tallent, Moji July 30, Coal and General.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Fuzika, British steamer, 2,098, F. R.

Cammock, Moji July 30, Coal and General.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Furong, Russian str., 3,978, Cranovsky.

Duess June 26, General. - LUKIMANOFF.

Titan, British steamer, 8,970, H. W. N.

Evans, Liverpool June 23, General. -

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Sunghang, British str., 887, H. Mathias.

Haiphong and Hoihow August 4, General.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Chonan, British str., 1,350, W. Lloyd.

Shanghai Aug. 2, General. - BUTTER-

FIELD & SWIRE.

Handagua, American str., 1,723, En-

rique Razon, Cebu August 1, General. -

CHINA.

August 6.

Yuenkong, British steamer 1,128, P.

H. Rolfe, Manila August 3, Hemp. -

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.

Chowkong, British str., 1,787, A. J. Smith.

Chowkong July 27, Coal. - JARDINE,

MATHESON & Co., Ltd.

Luwak, German str., 1,014, G. Schultzen.

Hong Kong August 3, Coal. - BUTTER-

FIELD & SWIRE.

Easman, British str., 641, J. W. Evans.

Swatow August 5, General. - DORRIS

STEAMSHIP CO., Ltd.

Pera, British steamer, 6,913, S. Finch.

R.N.R., from Japan, General. - P. & O.

S. N. Co.

Phonapah, British steamer, 1,065, Jas.

H. Scott, Saigon Aug. 2, Rice and Gen.

eral. - C. & Co.

Feiching, Chinese str., 998, A. A. Crow-

ford, Shanghai Aug. 2, General. - C. M.

S. N. Co.

Haidun, British str., 1,180, J. S. Roach.

Amoy Aug. 2, General. - DORRIS

STEAMSHIP CO., Ltd.

Prest, Norwegian str., 515, E. Olsen.

Haiphong August 4, Timber. - AAGAARD,

THOMSEN & Co.

Sardinia, British steamer, 4,129, G. C.

Tallent, R.N.R., London June 29, and

Singapore Aug. 1, General. - P. & O. S.

N. Co.

Hingman, British str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

August 5.

Bangkok, for Nagasaki and Yokohama.

August 6.

Mongolia, for Shanghai and San Francisco.

Chonan, for Canton.

Furong, for Nagasaki and Vladivostok.

Chowkong, for Canton.

Luwak, for Manila.

CLEARED.

Feiching, for London.

Bangkok, for Bangkok.

Ardea, for Singapore and London.

Bendatun, for Manila and Hamburg.

Pera, for Singapore and London.

Hainan, for Swatow.

Johanne, for Swatow and Deli.

Kyo Maru, for Moji and Iquique.